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Ansarullah Pledge

اَشْهَدُ اَنْ لَّآ اِلٰهَ اِلَّا اللّٰهُ وَحْدَهٗ لَا شَرِيْكَ لَهٗ

وَاَشْهَدُ اَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهٗ وَرَسُوْلُهٗ

I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah. He is One and has no partner and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger.

I solemnly pledge that I shall endeavor throughtout my life for the propagation and consolidation of Ahamadiyat in Islam and shall stand guard in defence of the institution of Khilafat. I shall not hesitate to offer any sacrifice in this regard. Moreover, I shall exhort my children to always remain dedicated and devoted to Khilafat. InshaAllah.

ANSAR ARE HUMBLY REQUESTED THAT THEY NOT ONLY WATCH AND SUBSEQUENTLY READ THE FRIDAY SERMONS DELIVERED BY OUR BELOVED HUZUR AQDAS BUT ALSO SEE TO IT THAT THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

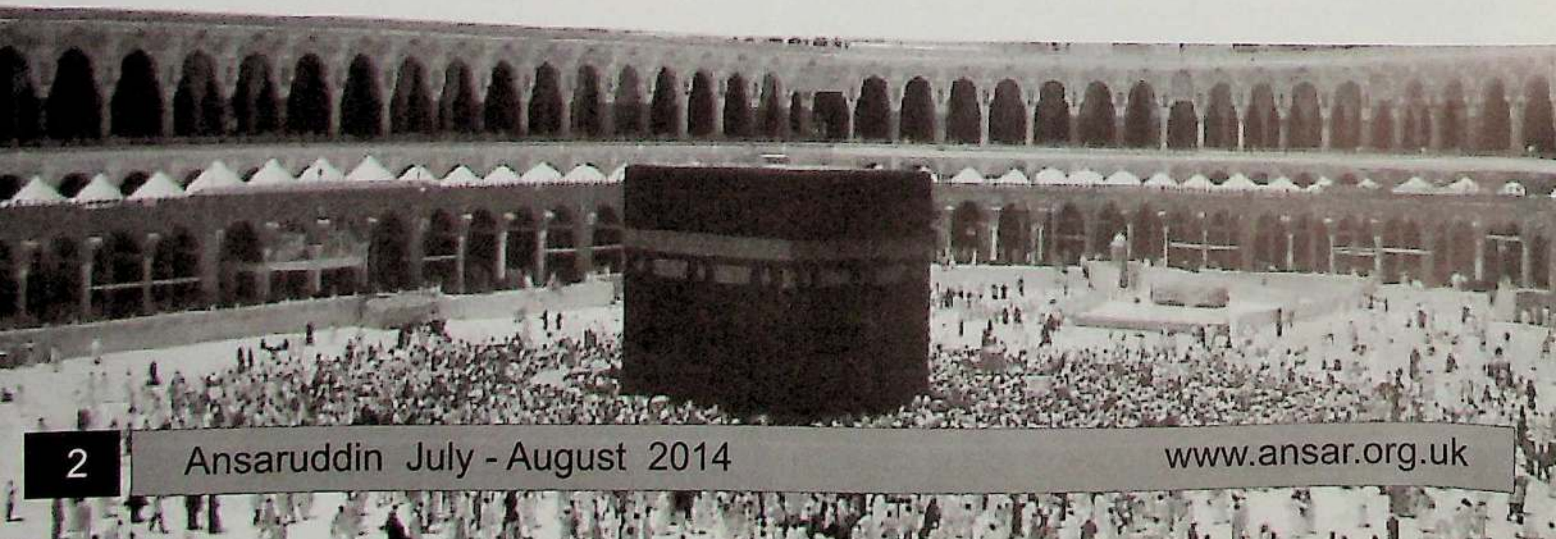
Dars-ul Qur'an

Translation: O ye who believe! enter not houses other than your own until you have asked leave and saluted the inmates thereof. That is better for you that you may be heedful. And if you find no one therein, do not enter them until you are given permission. And if it be said to you, "go back, then go back; that is purer for you. And Allah knows well what you do. It is no sin on your part to enter uninhabited houses wherein are your goods. And Allah knows what you reveal and what you conceal. *(Al-Nur 28-30)*

A beautiful teaching is presented in these verses, which serve as preventative measures against many social evils. The first injunction is that one should not enter a house other than his own without first notifying his arrival by saluting its inmates and seeking their permission and without first eliciting whether they want to see him. This injunction, though apparently very simple and elementary, if made the general rule of conduct is calculated to save much trouble and suspicion. It would not only put a stop to possible scandals but would serve also to save people from being seen in conditions likely to give rise to suspicion and the privacy of houses will also not be intruded upon. It may also be inferred from this verse that unauthorised entry into an office leads to dislocation of office work and waste of time, therefore, before entering it, permission should be sought from the concerned authority, and visitors should notify their coming by saluting the inmates. Salutation also helps the inmates to recognize the visitor. The practice of sending in a name-slip or introduction card to a person with whom interview is sought in his office or home is a correct way of finding out whether or not he agrees to see the visitor and is in conformity with the above mentioned injunction. The next verse also shows that it is prohibited to enter even uninhabited houses without requisite permission having been obtained from the concerned person or persons.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said that the best way to seek permission is to say Assalamo Alaikum loudly. It is mentioned in one of the traditions that somebody knocked on Hoy Prophet's ﷺ door and sought permission to come in. He asked one of his servants to teach him how to ask for permission by saying Salam loudly and then seek permission to enter. It is also mentioned in another traditions that if permission is not granted to enter, one should go back. All the companions of the Holy Prophet ﷺ used to act upon this teaching.

It has been customary that enemies of Islam have been attacking teaching of Islam without knowing the language and without reference to the context and also do not hesitate to contrive the matter. such opponents, once again, have launched fresh attacks on Islam as they seem to be scared by the increasing popularity of Islam in the western countries. Their only aim is to defame Islam so that no one dares to show interest in this religion. Don Richardson, an American, has written a similar book by the name of "Secrets of the Qur'an". He has contrived to mention the above verses, without reference to the context, permit Muslims to steal from any house. Only a blind or an unjust person like, Don Richardson, can arrive on such conclusion. Islam has never directed anywhere to steal and there are several verses to admonish against stealing. Anybody who reads all the above verses would have no doubt that it presents a beautiful teaching, which can protect the society from many social evils.



Dars-ul-Hadith

STRIVING IN THE CAUSE OF ALLAH

Anas relates that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said: Strive against the idolaters with your belongings, your persons and your tongues *(Abu Daud)*.

Abu Hurairah relates that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said: He who observes the fast for a day in the cause of Allah will find that Allah has dug a moat between him and the Fire as wide as the distance between heaven and earth *(Tirmidhi)*.

Abu Sa'id Khudri relates that a man came to the Holy Prophet ﷺ and asked: Who is the best of mankind? He answered: A believer who strives with his person and his property in the cause of Allah. The man asked: And after him? He said: A believer who worships Allah in a mountain valley and spares people all mischief *(Bokhari and Muslim)*.

Abu Yahya Kharaim ibn Fatik relates that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said: He who spends in the cause of Allah has his reward seven hundred times *(Tirmidhi)*.

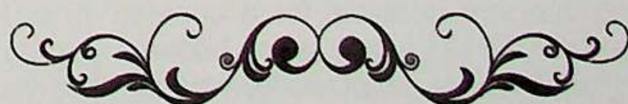
Amr ibn Abusah relates that he heard the Holy Prophet ﷺ say: He who shoots an arrow in the cause of Allah has merit equal to the freeing of a slave *(Abu Daud and Tirmidhi)*.

Abdullah ibn Abi Aufa relates: On one of the occasions when the Holy Prophet ﷺ encountered the enemy he waited for the decline of the sun and in the meantime stood up and addressed the people saying: Do not desire a brush with the enemy and continue to supplicate Allah for security. But when you meet the enemy be steadfast and remember that Paradise lies under the shadow of swords. Then he supplicated Allah, Rcvcaler of the Book, Driver of the clouds, Defeater of hosts, vanquish them and succour us against them *(Bokhari and Muslim)*.

Abu Hurairah relates that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said: A martyr does not suffer when he is slain anymore than one of you suffers from being bitten by an ant *(Tirmidhi)*.

Anas relates that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said: He who supplicates sincerely for martyrdom is granted it, even though he is not slain *(Muslim)*.

Anas relates that some people came to the Holy Prophet ﷺ and requested that he should send some men with them who should teach them the Qur'an and the Sunnah. He sent with them seventy men of the Ansar who were known as qaris (Reciters) among them my maternal uncle Haram. These people used to recite the Qur'an and occupied themselves at night with teaching and learning it. During the day, they brought water to the mosque and gathered wood for fuel which they sold and with the proceeds of which they purchased food for those who remained in attendance in the mosque and the needy. These people were sent by the Holy Prophet ﷺ with those who had asked for them but were slaughtered treacherously on the way. While they were being slaughtered, they supplicated: 0 Allah, convey from us to our Prophet that we have reached Thee and are pleased with Thee and that Thou art pleased with us. A man approached Haram from his back and transfixed him with his spear, whereupon Haram cried out: By the Lord of the Ka'aba I have achieved my purpose. The Holy Prophet ﷺ informed his Companions: Your brethren have been slaughtered and they supplicated: O Allah convey from us to our Prophet that we have reached Thee and are pleased with Thee and that Thou art pleased with us *(Bokhari and Muslim)*.





Steadfastness of the Holy Prophet ﷺ

Writings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام

That Prophet is superior to all other Prophets who is the great Instructor of the world, that is to say, he at whose hands the great corruption of the world was reformed and who re-established on the earth the Unity of God which had been lost and had disappeared. He overcame all false religions by proof and argument and removed the doubts of every misguided one. He provided the true means of salvation by teaching the right principles for which it was not necessary to crucify an innocent person, or to remove God from His true and eternal station and to put Him in the womb of a woman. Thus, his beneficence and his grace exceed those of everyone else and his rank is higher than all. History points out, and the heavenly Book is a witness, and those who have eyes are able to observe, that the Prophet who is thus established as superior to all other Prophets is Muhammad, the chosen one [peace and blessings of Allah be on him]. *[Brahin-e-Ahmadiyya, Ruhani Khaza'in, Vol. 1, p. 97, footnote 6]*

It is worthy of note how steadfastly the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] adhered to his claim of Prophethood right till the end, despite thousands of dangers and hundreds of thousands of opponents and obstructers and threats. For years, he endured misfortunes and hardships which increased daily and rendered success apparently hopeless, and by enduring which patiently he had not in mind the achievement of any worldly purpose. On the contrary, by putting forward his claim of Prophethood, he lost what he had and purchased a hundred thousand contentions and invited a thousand calamities to overtake him. He was expelled from his home, was pursued by slayers, lost his home and all it contained and was poisoned several times. Those who were his well-wishers began to wish him ill and those who were his friends turned into enemies. For a long period, he had to bear hardships, to be steadfast under which was not possible for a cunning impostor. When after a long time Islam became supreme, the Holy Prophet collected no wealth for himself, nor did he raise any structure, nor did he seek any means of comfort or luxury, nor did he derive any personal benefit from anything. Whatever came to hand was spent in taking care of the poor, the orphans, the widows and those burdened with debt. He never ate his fill. He was so straightforward that by his plain speaking and his preaching of the Unity of God, he made enemies of all the peoples of the world who were sunk in paganism. He converted his own people into enemies first of all, by forbidding them idol worship. He upset the Jews for he stopped them from indulging in diverse types of creature worship and exaltation of their divines and from misconduct. He stopped hem from denying and insulting Jesus which caused hem great heart burning, and they became his bitter enemies, and began to cast about for means of destroying him. In the same way, he annoyed the Christians for he denied the godhead of Jesus and his being the son of God, and denied his being the crucified saviour. The fire worshippers and the star worshippers were also annoyed with him for they were also forbidden to worship their deities. The Unity of God was proclaimed as the sole means of attaining salvation. Were these the ways of winning the world? *[Brahin-e-Ahmadiyya, Ruhani Khaza'in, Vol. 1 pp. 108-109]*

The Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] was straightforward and was ready to lay down his life for God, and turned wholly away from any hope or fear of people, and put his trust wholly in God, and being devoted to the will and pleasure of God, he cared not what calamities he would have to endure through preaching the Unity of God and what hardships might be inflicted upon him by the pagans. He endured every hardship and carried out the commandments of his Lord, and fulfilled all the conditions called for by his preaching and admonition, and attached no importance to any threat that was held out to him. I say truly that of all the Prophets there was none who put his full trust in God on all occasions of danger. *[Brahin-e-Ahmadiyya, Ruhani Khaza'in, Vol. 1 pp. 111-112]*

Muslim Nations and Peace



Extracts from Friday Sermon of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V

Huzur called on the Muslim nations to play their roles in ending the violence and establishing peace during his Friaday sermon on 25th July 2014.

Huzur condemned the ongoing violence in Gaza during the final Friday Sermon of this year's Islamic month of Ramadan.

His Holiness also spoke in detail about Lailatul Qadr, known as the 'the Night of Decree' which, according to Islamic teachings, occurs in the final days of Ramadan. His Holiness counselled Ahmadi Muslims to seek righteousness and to increase in the worship of the One God.

Addressing an audience of thousands of Ahmadi Muslims gathered at the Baitul Futuh Mosque in London on 25 July 2014, His Holiness gave a detailed analysis of the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said: "With great regret it must be said that today it is the ill fortune of many Muslim countries that they are no longer united. Members of the public are fighting amongst themselves; citizens are also fighting with governments, whilst governments are inflicting cruelty upon their public. Therefore, not only has unity been lost, but great cruelties and injustices are being perpetrated.

The result of the lack of unity is that non-Muslim countries now have the confidence to do whatever they please against the Muslims and this is the very reason that Israel is currently engaged in killing scores of innocent Palestinians in the most cruel manner.

If the Muslims were united and followed the path of God then the collective strength of the Muslim nations is so great that this cruelty could never have taken place."

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued: "Compared to Israel, the Palestinians have no power or strength. Certainly all cruelty is wrong and so if Hamas is perpetrating cruelty, then the Muslim countries should also stop them. However, if you are to compare the relative strengths and cruelties of the two sides, it is as if one side is using a stick, whilst the other side is utilising a fully equipped army to perpetrate its injustice.

"Recently, Turkish Muslims held an event of mourning and in this way Muslim countries think they have fulfilled their responsibility. However, they are not fulfilling their required role and similarly the Western world is also not fulfilling its responsibility. They should have actively and firmly stopped the cruelty.

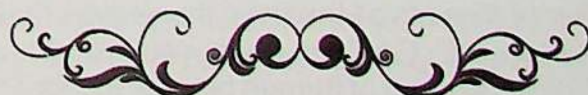
"Regardless, we can only pray that Allah the Almighty protects the persecuted and the innocent from this cruelty and that peace can be established.

Furthermore, may Allah the Almighty grant sense and wisdom to those Muslim countries that are fighting against one other and increasing the disorder.

During an hour long Friday Sermon, His Holiness also spoke in great detail about Lailatul Qadr, the holy Night of Decree.

He explained the various significances of the term 'Lailatul Qadr' and how people can benefit from it. He noted that this blessing was correlated with national unity and harmony.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad concluded by saying: "Today marks the final Friday of this year's Ramadan – however it should not be that the blessings of this month now depart but rather its blessings should come to last a lifetime. May we always fulfil the objectives for which the Holy Quran was revealed."



EXISTENCE OF GOD

by Bilal Khalid

The existence of God looks like an obvious truth to the believers, but to the non-believers it is, as if covered with seven veils. I have gathered some points from everyday logic and some from historical prospective to provide a base to prove existence of God to the non-believers. I understand that each point that follows could be a topic for discussion, but I have tried my best to put as much as possible in a limited space.

All RELIGIONS BELIEVE IN GOD

It is an undeniable fact that all the religions on this earth claim to be from God. Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ, Moses, Jesus, Krishna, Buddha, Baba Nanak and every religious leader taught people to believe and worship God. Although all religions have slight differences in the attributes they ascribe to God, but all the religions hold the common view that there is a God who has created this universe. History tells us that even those ancient religions that no longer exist in this world, they also held the view of God, whether they were in ancient America, or in jungles of Africa or in England, or in Java or Sumatra, or in Japan and China or in Siberia or in India. It is an important point that what's the reason for this thought provoking unity among so varied religions? In the ancient times people were not linked together through any means of communication or transport, then how is it possible that people living in isolation thousands of mile away from each other, held the common view about the existence of God? Many of the lands were even not discovered at that time. Even now it is difficult for two persons to completely agree on any issue, then how come this universal unanimity regarding existence of God? All these facts lead us to the only possible conclusion that not only there is a living God but also that God has always manifested Himself through some means to his men to make them believe in Him. Historians agree that if there is such universal unanimity about any issue then there is no reason to disagree with it. Another fact worth noting is that there have been a small number of atheists all the time, this proves that the 'existence of God' is not related to any psychological need of human beings. In this world, one can lead ones life without acknowledging the existence of God, though he will be attempting to close his eyes to the very obvious and clear truth.

WHO ARE THOSE WHO CALL PEOPLE TOWARDS GOD?

If we look at the life of all those men, who have called other people towards God, we find a surprising common thing about all of them, that they were very pious and righteous men. They were the people who were respected in their nations. They were true people, who spent their lives to guide people to the right path. They persuaded people to shun oppressing others. They taught to look after the poor and needy. They fought all their life against the unjust rulers of the time. They were invariably opposed by the people in power at that time, although they were highly honored and valued for the purity of their character, even by those who later, on the announcement of their claims, became their enemies. It is inconceivable that those who did not lie about men, began suddenly to lie about God. They were the people whose lives were exemplary for others. Whether it is Indian Krishna, or Irani Zoroaster or Egyptian Moses, or Israelite Christ or Punjabi Baba Nanak, or Leader of the righteous Muhammad ﷺ who was given the title of Trustworthy by his nation from his very youth and who challenged his nation that he had led all of his life among them and Could they point out to any single lie or felony in his life? So all these righteous persons who came to this world at different times and places, all of them say one thing in common... "There is a God.... There is a God...." Not only they claimed that there is a God but also they claimed that He talked to them.

One may find great philosophers or scholars in the world who have done great works, but their work cannot be compared to the work of those righteous persons. Actually, if we study the lives of those philosophers we find that no great deeds compared to their lofty sayings. Why is it that these great philosophers were not able to exhibit that righteousness which was shown by people from God? The people whose names I have mentioned

above, all of them faced great hardships in the life due to their teachings but nothing could lead them astray from the true path. Their killings were planned, they were exiled from their homes and they were boycotted, but they never gave up their beliefs. Why did they not tell lie and relieve themselves from those hardships that were imposed on them just because of their true belief in God. Their lack of interest in material desires proves it that they were selfless people. When such truthful and trustworthy people are saying it in unison, that they have met with God, they have listened His voice and they have experienced his manifestations, then it really leaves us with no doubt. Even in this material world the people whom we know that they are habitual liars, when they go to a court and speak something under an oath, they are believed, then why don't we believe in those righteous persons?

EVEN DISBELIEVERS IN THEIR HEART ARE AFRAID OF GOD

Human nature in itself provides us with a strong inclination towards a belief in God. There are certain sins which human nature doesn't like to get involved in, for instance, relationship with Mother, sister and daughters, uncleanliness owing to certain discharges from body. These are certain things which even an atheist will not like to do. But, if there is no fear of a super being, Why not to lie all the time?, why not to steal and commit adultery? What are the reasons that keep them away from these evils? If they do not feel the power of some unseen, then they should do whatever pleases them. Then truth and lie and justice and oppression should be all the same for them. It is only God's fear that is ruling on their hearts. Although their mind does not acknowledge the existence of God but the human nature created by God cannot defy it. So even an atheist at heart holds some view about God and judgment day. While in distress, everybody pray to a super-Being for relief. Why so, if they don't believe in that super-being, whom we call God?

EVERY THING IN THIS UNIVERSE HAS A CREATOR

If we deeply study this universe, we see that every thing culminates in a Creator. He is the ultimate and every thing is working under his guidance. If we look at different stages of human birth and growth, we see that as we go backward, we find we are moving towards weaker and weaker stage. Eventually we shall find that the growth starts from a clot of clinging substance. So human beings who themselves start from such a weak stage, how can they be their own creator. So it proves without any doubt that human beings are not their own creator. We see that if we start studying the birth process minutely, ultimately we will find ourselves at the limit of human knowledge. At that stage, all the worldly knowledge will reach their limit and will be totally exhausted about what had actually happened? So that is a stage where divine hand is working. Every scientist has to believe that all the processes of this universe ultimately reach a point where their knowledge becomes inadequate or insufficient to describe them. Once somebody asked a Bedouin that what proof does he has about the existence of God. He replied that if he saw excrement of a camel in the middle of a jungle, he could tell that a camel had passed through that jungle. Then after seeing so many different creatures in this universe, couldn't he tell that there is some creator of them?

IS THIS UNIVERSE CREATED JUST BY CHANCE?

Some of the people believe that this universe was created just by chance and they also try to prove it through science. But God says that all those things that happen just by chance, they don't have such an order in them. Different colors are used together to make a picture. If we just throw the paints on a paper, will they ever make a picture? Houses are made of bricks, but if we just throw the bricks in a pile, will they form a house? It is true that sometimes some of the things are made by chance, but a close analysis of the universe clearly refutes this 'by chance' theory. All right, for a moment, if we believe that matter was created by chance, and this world also came into being by chance, I will ask the readers to study deeply the creation of human beings; Is it possible that such a perfect being was created by chance? See the stars, the planets, sun etc. and then the creation of day and night. Every thing just fits so nicely in a finely woven net, doesn't that orderliness speaks of a powerful creator?

Even in this world we can easily judge the power and wisdom of a creator of anything by closely examining his creation. A good picture is painted by an excellent painter, a powerful computer is made by an intelligent team of researchers. Looking at the orderliness of any things tells us that how intelligent its creator is. God has given to every being an appropriate body and shape, so

that it can sustain itself. God kept the food for trees in soil, therefore he gave roots to the trees, so that they can get their food. God made flesh as food for tigers, therefore He gave strong nails and teeth to the tiger, so that it can kill its prey and eat it. God made grass as food for horses and camels, therefore, He gave them long neck, so they can graze it. God created lungs for human being, therefore He also created air, so that they can breath. Human beings depend on water, so God created Clouds, so that they can take water to them. Such an enormous and perfect order could never have been created just by chance? Only a super-being could do it.

TRUE BELIEVERS ARE ALWAYS EXALTED ON OTHERS

God said that he would always exalt His true believers on others. True believers are always triumphant on non believers, they always overcome them. If there is no God then, how are they become successful? All the founders of different religions were men of weak means. When Moses called Pharaoh towards God, Pharaoh replied that which God was he talking about? "I am GOD" So God ruined Pharaoh, and made Moses as the King of that time. Incidence of Pharaoh has become an example for this world and also for the next world. Same happened with other prophets. Same happened with Muhammad ﷺ. All of his enemies were defeated. All those nations of that time, who opposed him were conquered by him or his followers. The founders of religions did not posses those powers and means which ordinarily make for successful leadership. Yet it is inconceivable that an innocent person of ordinary accomplishments, as soon as he begins to lie about God, should come to have such tremendous powers that his teachings dominate all other teachings current in his time. Such a development is impossible without the help of a powerful God. Why were their prophecies and their promises fulfilled? No doubt there have been others, generals and dictators, who have attained to apparently similar success. But it never lasts for long, but the success which is foretold, which is attributed to God from the beginning, success on which is staked the Prophet's whole moral reputation and which is achieved in spite of the tough opposition endures for ever.

GOD LISTENS TO THE PRAYERS

God has always listened to the prayers of the righteous people of all the times. A non believer may say that it might have been by chance that those incidents happened that were prayed for. But the accepted prayers are different from the other ones. God not only listens to the prayers of his chosen one, but also He informs them about their acceptance. Many prophets have claimed about a number of things, and all those claims had been fulfilled, e.g. their ultimate success is always foretold when apparently they were very weak and oppressed, but all of them succeeded ultimately.

REVELATION

It has always been God's practice to communicate to people of every age. Not only He talks to the chosen ones (Prophets) but also to other righteous people and sometime even to very mean and filthy people, just to show his manifestations. Sometimes, God foretells people news about future and sometimes also about next world. Many times He has revealed news about the events that are to happen hundreds of year later. God told in Quran some fourteen hundred years ago about the great progress of Christians, which was to occur sometimes later. It was foretold that a time will come when camels would be no longer used. Even it was told that the transportation that will be used in future would work with fire. It was foretold that a time will come when people would die in large numbers by earthquakes, storms and rains, and wars would also bring large number of fatalities. And such large scale destruction would have never happened before on this earth. Islam is a religion, about which God has said, that there will be people in every century, with whom God would communicate, and this has come true. How it can all happen by chance?

UNIVERSE IS NOT FROM EVER

Some atheists claim that this universe is in existence from ever and it will last for ever. If this universe is in existence from ever, then it must have infinite source of power and energy, but we see that no material thing is infinite in this universe. The temperature of Sun is falling down, even the earth is cooling off. All the sources of energy in this universe are being consumed up and exhausting. So the world is approaching to its end as was prophesied by all the religions. It proves that the universe came into being a finite time ago and it also has a definite end. We know from our whole life's experience, that if we consider any process, there are only two possibilities, that a process is either started by some human beings, or it might be a result of some other process. If we move back

in this tree of processes which are a result of some other process, ultimately we shall come across a process, which could not be attributed to any other process. At that place, we are left with no other argument, except to believe that it was started by some Super Being. We refer to that Super Being as 'God', some atheists call this Super Being by the name of 'nature'. Actually, just giving a different name to this Super Being really does not make much difference, they believe in God, and all they need is just a little fine tuning.

PRAYER FOR GOD's MANIFESTATION

All the non believers should think that if there is a God then they will be in deep trouble on the day of Reckoning and in the next world. So if anybody is interested in getting the true knowledge about God, then he should pray earnestly that if there is a God with infinite powers as the people claim then may God manifest Himself on him. May God show him the right path. If anybody does such prayers earnestly for 40 days, then we believe, whatever his origin, religion and country is, God will show him the true path and he will have no doubt about the existence of God.

LOVE OF GOD

Islam teaches that in order to find God, it is necessary for a person to discard all vice, and this can be achieved only through such recognition of God Almighty as fills the heart with the realisation of God's Majesty and Greatness, and instils His fear in the human soul. To win the love of God it is necessary to love Him to a degree that entails losing oneself altogether in Him, and gaining a new and pure life from Him.

As the highest excellence of man is the winning of Divine love, which is testified to by the witness of millions of the righteous, it follows that the true purpose of human life is the winning of God's love and nearness to Him. Islam teaches that perfect recognition of God is the root of fear, and love, and appreciation of Him. He who is bestowed perfect recognition, is also bestowed perfect fear and perfect love.

Man's true love of God attracts the love of God and the true lover of God, who is wholly devoted to God, in turn becomes the beloved of God. Such true and perfect love cannot subsist along with the wrath of God and the fire of hell. One of the signs of such perfect love is that such a lover deems the disobedience of his Beloved, and His displeasure, a poison, and is *all* the time apprehensive lest, in consequence of any sin or disobedience on his part, his Beloved should cut asunder from him.

Thus he who is bestowed perfect fear and perfect love is safeguarded against all sin, inasmuch as sin proceeds from fearlessness or daring. This is true salvation, and for such salvation we do not stand in need of any blood or any crucifixion, nor do we need any atonement. All that we need is the sacrifice of the ego. This demands that the nurture and development of our natural faculties should be carried out under the guidance of the One True God, Who is also the Creator of our nature.

God is the source of all beauty and all light. His benevolence is so vast that His favours and bounties are without number. Such beauty and benevolence impress upon every heart the truth that all perfect delight is to be found in God, and that to be cast away from Him is ruinous hell. Thus, it is an impossibility that true recognition and disobedience should find room in a human heart at the same time.

Salvation does not mean merely deliverance from punishment of sin. Salvation means the achievement of that eternal prosperity after which human nature thirsts, and which can be acquired only through true recognition of God, perfect fear and perfect love, and the establishment of a true and strong relationship with God.

Reflection upon the meaning of justice and mercy reveals that there is no conflict between them. Justice means that the rights of people should be safeguarded and that if one person trespasses against another, the one who is wronged should be restored his right specifically, and if that should not be possible, he should be justly compensated, and that the trespasser should be duly chastised so that order is maintained and wrong-doing is suppressed. (Address by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih III on 2nd July 1978)

ISLAMIC CULTURE

by Khalid Saifullah Khan

The developed world is generally multi-cultural, which means that every ethnic or religious group is free to retain its cultural identity. However, the smaller groups tend to gradually lose their own cultural identity and assimilate with the powerful majority in order to enhance their acceptability for gaining economic benefits. With the increase of influence of the powerful and alluring culture of the majority, they adopt their way of life, outlook on life, trends, aspirations and moral and spiritual values. The time required for the change of a minority's culture depends upon the resilience of the particular group and the strength of their social and religious institutions and level of the attachment of members to them. As the modern culture is materialistic and atheistic in nature, the religious institutions and teachings gradually lose their grip and influence on them.

Ahmadi Muslims are very fortunate to have been blessed by the institution of Khilafat. A Divinely appointed Khalifa is always there to watch and guide them on the right path. For Ahmadi Muslims this trend can, therefore, be kept under check by strong attachment to the mosque, Khilafat and constant exhortations.

What is meant by 'culture?

The word 'culture' is widely used to denote various aspects of a society ranging from general way of life, habits, customs, dress, language, dietary customs, attitude towards women, sexuality, moral values, architecture, music, art and literature etc.

Generally, the Western nations give precedence to their culture and way of life over their religion. As a consequence more and more people are acquiring materialistic and atheistic tendencies. Obviously it poses a great threat to the Islamic values. It highlights the importance of the continuing task of "Talim-o-Tarbiyyat" (education and training), in order to keep under check the tendencies, and conduct and behavior, that is contrary to the teachings of the Holy Quran.

Some good aspects of Western culture

Holy The Prophet Muhammad (saw), said: "A thing of wisdom is lost property of a believer and he should take it wherever he finds it." From this point of view, if we look at the Western culture, we find some good elements which deserve our appreciation, as Islam also enjoins believers to promote them. They include freedom of religion, respect for fundamental human rights, effective system of administering justice, punctuality of time, equal opportunities to all and encouragement of new ideas without which no progress can be made in research and development. Islam, too, does not recognize any discrimination in administration of justice, on the basis of caste, colour, creed, race or wealth.

Aspects of materialistic and atheist culture which are in direct conflict with Islamic teachings

A few of the aspects of the modern culture which defy the Islamic teachings and cannot be adopted by a true Muslim are stated below.

Rules of conduct can only be prescribed by God- the Creator

The basis of Islamic culture is the teachings of the Holy Quran and the Practice of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. We believe that God created mankind and took it upon Himself to provide guidance. We have, therefore, no authority to frame our own rules of conduct, independent of the Holy Quran. All that is forbidden by God, cannot be made lawful by any individual or authority - such as extra-marital relations, homosexuality, and use of intoxicants etc.

Materialism cannot co-exist with Islam

Materialism is closely related to atheism, due to which the materialistic outlook on life cannot be entertained by a true Muslim. The modern society has, by and large, become materialistic, and all activities of life and conduct of mutual relationship are viewed from this angle. On the contrary, the motive behind the actions of a sincere Muslim is to earn the pleasure of God. For him this life is transitory and the real and the lasting abode is in the Hereafter. His way of thinking is entirely different from that of a materialist, because the Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "This world is like a prison for a Muslim and Paradise for a disbeliever." Like a

prisoner a believer can do only such things which are allowed by his Master, but a disbeliever can enjoy the life as he desires, like a person in Paradise.

Modesty is part of faith

Islam regards modesty as part of faith and desires it to be reflected in believers' looks, dress, observing veil by ladies to cover their beauty and embellishment and avoiding mixed gatherings, as far as possible. The Holy Prophet ﷺ said," When a male and a female are alone under a roof, the third is Satan". He (saw) further said, "Avoid situations in which you can be accused (falsely or on basis of doubt)." A believer, therefore, avoids joining mixed gatherings. Muslim women do not roam about aimlessly either alone or with men outside the close relatives mentioned in the Holy Quran. All such mixed parties have to be avoided where men and women sit together (including marriage parties) for gossips and idle talks. However, exemptions are allowed for genuinely un-avoidable reasons, as no one is held responsible for acts which are beyond his/her control.

Discipline in sexual relations

Muslims are not allowed any friendship between persons of opposite sex. Any secret or pre-marriage relationship is strictly forbidden. In Islam there is no concept of dating or de-facto wife. Adultery and fornication are among the most heinous sins in Islam, and therefore, situations or acts that may lead to them have to be avoided as Allah says, "And do not go near adultery, surely, it is a manifest indecency and an evil way." (17:33). Modest dress should be worn by all, without un-necessary exposure of the body, particularly in the presence of the members of opposite sex.

Apart from consent of the would-be bride and bridegroom, consent to marriage by the guardian of the girl is also essential. The Holy Prophet ﷺ called divorce as the most hated of the allowable acts, in the sight of God. The divorces among the Muslims is, therefore, very rare as compared to the Western society.

All intoxicants are forbidden for a Muslim. A Muslim cannot take forbidden things

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said: "Even a small quantity of a substance, the larger quantity of which intoxicates, is forbidden." Alcohol is the mother of all intoxicants, as it induces the habit of taking other more dangerous intoxicants. A Muslim cannot, therefore, join his non-Muslim friends in so-called social drinks.

Similarly, the Holy Quran clearly lays down what a Muslim can eat and what is forbidden for him/her to eat. Our food has, therefore, to be lawful, pure, clean and wholesome. Swine, alcoholic drinks, dead animals, which die on their own, and those slaughtered in the name of any being other than Allah are forbidden to eat.

Individualism; attitude towards life

The concept of "Individualism" prevailing in Western society and now spreading fast in the world, is the most serious obstacle in promoting work of "Tarbiyyat and Tabligh" (training and preaching). A person influenced by this philosophy, consciously or unconsciously, would say: "I am an individual, separate and distinct from others. As such, I believe in the 'Principle of Individualism', which says that everybody has the right to lead his life in his own way. "I can live my life as I wish. My body is my own and I can do with it whatever I want. I have my own likes and dislikes and I can satisfy my desires as I wish. It is none of my parents' or elders' problem if I don't observe Prayers.

Such persons are obviously less amenable to discipline, respect and obedience of the parents, teachers, elders and seniors etc. They prefer to do things of their own choice. To impart religious training and education to persons of such disposition is more difficult than others. Their temperament and way of thinking should be wisely amended.

On the contrary, a true Muslim believes and says: "We all belong to God and to Him shall we return. My body and my belongings are not my own, I am only the trustee and I have to answer to God how I used His trust. My job is to render complete submission to the will of God and discharge my duties to Him and the human being. Such a person will obviously listen to exhortations and benefit from them. He does not mind being admonished or exhorted as Allah says: "You are the best people, raised for the good of mankind; you enjoin good and forbid evil and believe in Allah..." (3:111) Believers cannot, therefore, remain oblivious to enjoining good and forbidding evil, nor do they mind if they are reminded of their duties towards God and fellow- being. Allah says that those who do not exhort one another to preach truth and remain steadfast are in a state of loss. (103: 1-3)

Islam transforms individuals into members of families and communities

Islam transforms individuals into members of families and well-knit Jamaats (societies) supporting one another. Islam favours a traditional home, whereas in modern societies such homes where both parents live together with children is gradually diminishing. Islam attaches great importance to marriage and discourages celibacy. As a general rule, men have been responsible to provide for their family and women look after the children and keep the house. She is, however, allowed to work and contribute her earnings to help her husband, if she so desires, but she is under no obligation to earn. Whatever she earns belong to her, but still she gets share in the inheritance.

Duties owed to neighbours, colleagues and guests

Islam stresses the importance of discharging obligations due to the neighbours and colleagues, regardless of their religion, race or colour. (4:37). In modern societies people generally do not care to develop acquaintance with their next door neighbor, despite living close to each other for long.

Similarly, Islam regards hospitality as a great virtue, and serving guests and sharing meals with others attracts the pleasure of God. On the contrary, in the modern society there is hardly any place for rendering hospitality. People prefer to stay in hotels, rather than with their relatives and friends and they expect the same from others. This trend weakens the mutual relationship.

Islam encourages inquiring about the sick, as it develops loving relationship between one another. Islam enjoins Muslims to pray for one another fervently, even for strangers, as all Muslims are limbs of the same body and pain in one part puts the whole body in discomfort. Such sentiments rarely exist in materialists.

Islam prescribes mutual obligations of parents and children

Islam stresses great importance of proper nurture, training and education of their children. On their part the children are advised to be kind to parents (2:84). They are not allowed to say them as much as ugh or reproach them. (17:24) The kindness to parents demands service and obedience to them, rather than getting them admitted in old age homes – except under extraordinary circumstances.

Beware! Do not ape other nations

Ahmadiyya Islam has now spread to over 200 countries of the world, all embracing different cultures. There is no harm in practicing different cultures provided they remain within the framework of Islamic teachings. The danger is that there are certain aspects of their cultures which are against the spirit of Islamic teachings and there may be many converts who do not leave their culture, way of life, likes, dislikes and moral values. That will be the day of lamentation for Islam, if those people accept Islam but retain their un-Islamic culture. Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud warned us of this danger in 1924, through a letter, when he visited Europe. He wrote:

"…Might it not happen that Europe accepts Islam, but refuses to adopt Islamic culture. In that event, the distorted form of Islam would first be established in Europe and then in rest of the world; thus Islam would be distorted as it happened to Christianity….It is our duty to think over this danger before it befalls. Whatever steps we take for Tabligh (preaching) in Europe, we must give full consideration to it….O my people! I warn you that you should never lose sight of this looming calamity. Never let the form of Islam be changed. God Who has sent the Promised Messiah will surely provide a way out to us for deliverance. Never leave your efforts, never leave, never leave, ah never leave. How should I assure you that every command of God is non-changeable, whether be it small or big. Anyone who changes it is enemy of Islam. Would he have not born…It is destined for Europe to accept Islam, but our duty is to see that its acceptance should not happen in a way that it should distort Islam…" *(Translation, Ashaab-e-Ahmad, Vol 9, P 380-381)*

The Promised Messiah also warned us to copy the Western nations. He said, "Beware! Having seen their nations, how they have attained a considerable measure of success in their worldly plans, you should not begin to wish to follow in their footsteps. Listen carefully and take heed that they are aliens to and unmindful of that God Who calls you all to Himself…" *(Our Teachings P 18)*

The Holy Prophet also warned us by saying: "who copies a people, he is counted as one of them." May Allah enable us all to keep sticking to the Islamic values and way of life despite all odds distracting us from the right path.

INTRODUCTION TO AL-QASIDAH

Under the above heading the Promised Messiah ﷺ wrote the following before his Qasidah: "This is a wonderful and beautiful Qasidah full of literary elegance and fine jewels of the Arabic language, and is written in praise of my master and leader of both worlds, Hadrat Khatamun- Nabiyyin, Muhammad, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, whose praise Allah has mentioned in His Own clear book. O Allah, May Your blessings and peace be showered upon him until the Day of Judgment. To write this Qasidah was not possible due to my meek and humble nature, and limited intelligence; nor could my abilities surpass in this area. I could not originate the secrets that are embedded within this Qasidah. On the contrary, whatever I have stated is from my Allah, Who is my Friend, and such a Companion is He Who is with me at all times, Who provides me food and drink, and when I make a mistake or am misled He guides me, and when I become ill He cures me. The literary excellence, interesting dialogue, and the fascinating and comprehensive words in which you find uniqueness and rarity are not a product of my own effort; but even then, Allah has given me supremacy over the writers who are masters of the pen, and this is a sign from my God for people of knowledge. I have expressed this matter for the sole purpose that I may be rewarded for being thankful, and so that I should not be counted among the ungrateful.*1 1 A'ina'-e-Kamalat-e-Islam, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 5, p. 590*

Commentary of the Qasidah

THE BELOVED IN THE EYES OF THE LOVER

The holy writer of the Qasidah (Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad ﷺ the Promised Messiah and Mahdi) felt limitless love for the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ who is the intercessor for sinners and is the beloved of the Lord of the worlds. The writer held the belief that just as Allah is Unique and Alone in His attributes, His beloved, the Seal of the Prophets, Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ was indisputably unique and excellent in his qualities and attributes in comparison to all humanity. None before him could reach his station, nor would anyone be able to reach it until the Day of Judgment. This is the reason, that after his love for Allah, the Promised Messiah ﷺ possessed the greatest love for the Holy Prophet ﷺ. He states in his Persian poetry: "After Allah I am intoxicated with the love of Muhammad ﷺ, And if this be considered infidelity, then by God, I am a great infidel. Every limb of my body sings the songs of his love. Lost in his love I have no desires of my own, but am fully sensitive for my beloved. *(Izala-e-Auham, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 3, p. 185)*

This is also the reason he expresses his love and affection for the Holy Prophet ﷺ in the same tone and manner he expresses his love for Allah. For example, he wrote the following couplet addressing Allah Himself: "If all Thy lovers were slaughtered, I would be the first to proclaim the slogan of Thy love". *(A'ina'-e-Kamalat-e-Islam, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 5, p. 658)*

He addresses his beloved Hadrat Muhammad ﷺ (in the exact same manner: "If the sword was waged against thy lovers, I would be the first to sacrifice my life."

EXCEEDING ALL OTHERS IN LOVE

When an individual possesses many admirers, the person with the strongest love will have a greater desire to abandon life itself for the sake of the beloved. The Promised Messiah ﷺ has expressed this desire of love in the following couplet: "I am looking at the face of my beloved. If anyone should give him his heart, I would offer him my life. *(Siraj-e-Munir, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 12, p. 97)*

At another place he says: "O my beloved, I have come to know of your infinite beauties. If others are simply your servants, I am prepared to offer you my life. *(A'ina'-e-Kamalat-e-Islam, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 5, p. 26)*

In the above couplets the Promised Messiah ﷺ testifies that his love embraces the forefront of all others who claim to love his beloved, the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

TO SHOW ENVY FOR ONES BELOVED

Due to his extreme love the Promised Messiah

could not tolerate hearing a single word against the honour of his beloved. This would deeply offend his heart and soul. His following expression was written in relation to the absurdity and effrontery undertaken against the Holy Prophet Muhammad by the blind and belligerent Christian priests: "I swear by Allah that if all my sons, my grandsons, my helpers and my servants were slaughtered in my presence; and my hands and feet severed, my eyes plucked out and all my desires were left unfulfilled; it would all be less shocking to me than the insult and ridicule of these people. *(A'ina'-e-Kamalat-e-Islam, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 5, p. 15, translated from Arabic)*

On one occasion, the Promised Messiah was staying at Lahore, India (currently in Pakistan). Pundit Lekh Ram, a Hindu who used to abuse the Holy Prophet Muhammad with foul language, offered Salam [i.e. greeting of 'peace'] to him, but he did not respond. The Pundit offered his salam a second time and he still paid no heed. One of the companions of the Promised Messiah pointed out that Pundit Lekh Ram was offering Salam to him upon which, the Promised Messiah stated, 'He utters filthy words against my master and offers Salam to me?' In other words, the envy of the Promised Messiah did not allow him to exchange salutations with one who utters filth against his master.

INTENSITY OF LOVE

It is quite obvious from the writings of the Promised Messiah that there was an ocean of love flowing in his heart for his patron, Prophet Muhammad . His passionate love assumed the shape of a storm, and nothing could stand in the way of its towering and overpowering waves.

The following couplets illustrate the intensity of his love: "Since the time I had seen the light of the Holy Prophet Muhammad , my love for him has intensified within my heart as the rage of a waterfall. O my friends, move away from me [i.e. take caution] for my burning love for the Holy Prophet streaks through my breath like lightning.
(A'ina'-e-Kamalat-e-Islam, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 5, p. 27)

TO MOLD ONESELF LIKE THE BELOVED

In perfect love one strives to mould oneself in the manner of the beloved. An attempt is made to imitate the style, demeanour, etiquette and appearance of the beloved. As the degree of love heightens, the attraction towards the qualities of the beloved grows in proportion until at last; it culminates into a mirror image of the beloved. When this takes place no difference remains between the lover and the beloved. I have become you and you have become me. It is as if I am the body and you are my soul. From this point on no one can say we are two different beings.

The Promised Messiah , the writer of this Qasidah, also achieved unity with Prophet Muhammad through his extreme and perfect love. He writes in his Persian poetry: "My face has absorbed into his face and you can smell his fragrance from my home and the street whereupon I live. I am lost in his love. In reality I am him, I am him, I am him. My soul is nourished from his soul and the same sun has risen from my person. Ahmad [i.e. Muhammad] has appeared in the body of Ahmad [i.e. the Promised Messiah and therefore, I was given the same name which was given to this everlasting human being.
(Siraj-e-Munir, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 12, p. 97)

EVERLASTING LIFE

In this state, when a true lover absorbs himself in the love of the beloved, then he discovers that his life is the same as that of his beloved, as quoted in this verse: "Such a love establishes itself forever and liberates itself from any kind of death. The writer of the Qasidah, the founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, maintained this degree of love for the Holy Prophet Muhammad , which is never ending. He writes: "O my beloved, even though I will die, my love will live forever and will never die. And when people will be heard from their graves, my voice will be recognized by your praise. Other people will be calling out the names of their loved ones but upon my tongue shall be your name alone. My tongue will be repeating, 'O my beloved Muhammad , my dear Muhammad , my adored Muhammad ." *(Minanur-Rahman, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 9, p. 169)*

O our Allah, send Your blessings on Muhammad and on his lover the Promised Messiah , and shower Your blessings and Your peace.

COMMENTARY ON AL-QASIDAH

COUPLET 1

O you who are the fountain of Allah's beneficence and divine understanding;
People throng towards you like the thirsty rushing towards water.

The first couplet of this Qasidah reveals the perfect love of the Promised Messiah ؑ for his beloved. Most poets begin their Qasidahs by describing the physical attributes of their loved ones. They illustrate the prominent qualities or attributes, which remind them of their beloved and the intensity of their love.

However, the writer of this Qasidah was so absorbed in love, that his beloved was present before him every moment of his life.

Accordingly, he directly addresses his beloved with praises, avoiding any surrounding distractions saying: This couplet of the Qasidah mentions a unique excellence of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ . In this physical world we see clean and clear water flowing forth from natural springs. In the same manner, the fountainhead and source of all spiritual bounty, blessings and knowledge is the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ . He is the fountain from which all these gifts emanate.

It is an irrefutable fact that when the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ appeared: The entire world was engrossed in paganism and associating partners with God. People worshipped and prayed to lifeless objects like stones, fire and the sun. Some considered water their god while others worshipped human beings.

In addition, the earth was saturated with all kinds of sin, cruelty and mischief. Allah Himself has expressed the plight of the world at that time in the Holy Qur'an: This means that those nations which were given heavenly books had become misguided, and those who had not received any divine book, and were like a desolate jungle, had also become misguided. So true is this account that every country's history bears witness to it. *(Chashma-e-Ma'rifat, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 23, p. 379)*

Corruption has appeared on land and sea. *(Ar-Rum, 30:42)*

A shameful gloom stretched over the corners of the earth, likening it to a dark night. India, which flourished as a religious centre in ancient times, had not only lost its religion, but its basic human values. The Brahmans, hailed as religious leaders, had declared a vast segment of people, reaching in the millions, as untouchables.

They were considered eternally unclean, while the Brahmans, who were in power, did as they pleased. Their sin was not considered sin, but was viewed as an act of benevolence. The religious leaders and temple custodians were worshipped as gods and were indulged in lives of luxury. They incorporated dancing and music as essential parts of worship. Consequently, the temples digressed into centers of wickedness and the general state of religion deteriorated tremendously. At an extreme, the religious values regressed to the point where women worshipped the private parts of men, eventually losing all dignity and status.

The Christian churches in Europe were not any better than the Hindu temples. They were also centers of mischief. In the Holy Qur'an Allah has referred to the priests and monks who pledged to relinquish the world for the cause of God as follows:...but many of them are rebellious. *(Al-Hadid, 57:28)*

The people that declared them-selves the sons and lovers of God became like apes imitating the sinful, and their morality deteriorated in the likeness of swine, shamelessly pursuing their worldly desires. This was the state of religious leaders. As far as the general public was concerned, they worshipped and obeyed those who disobeyed God and trespassed over His boundaries.

Spirituality disappeared altogether. The contemporary religions failed to demonstrate any evidence of a living relationship with God. All fountains of spirituality had dried up. It was under these circumstances that God sent the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and announced: We send

down pure water from the sky, that We may thereby give life to a dead land, and endow drink to Our creation–cattle and men in great numbers. *(Al-Furqan, 25:49-50)*

This means that the spiritually dead nation of Arabia would get life from this water. Then Allah went on to say that He would provide this water to such nations as are living the life of animals, and in the same manner, He would provide it to those people who were devoid of civilization and culture. This water would bestow upon them the knowledge of God, and create a spiritual revolution in their lives by developing a relationship with their Everlasting God.

Thus, by following the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, various people from various nations of the world received the spiritual reward of revelation, converse with God, and His blessings.

It has been established that until the Day of Judgement no person after the advent of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, regardless of religious affiliation, could achieve the status necessary to receive the favours of Allah until and unless that person followed the path of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. By following his footsteps a person was initiated into the community receiving the favours of Allah. Allah mentions this blessed group of people in the Holy Qur'an as follows: And whoso obeys Allah and this Messenger (of His) shall be among those on whom Allah has bestowed His blessings, namely, the prophets, the truthful, the martyrs, and the righteous. And excellent companions are these. *(An-Nisa', 4:70)*

In other words, the spiritual blessings of Allah will be showered exclusively on those who obey Allah and the Holy Prophet ﷺ. The four degrees of spirituality mentioned in the verse (i.e. prophet-hood, truthfulness, martyrdom, and righteousness) can be attained solely by those completely submitting to Allah and the Holy Prophet ﷺ

The perfect knowledge by which all doubts and ambiguities are removed, and by which nearness to Allah is achieved resulting in direct communication with Him, can only be acquired by the followers of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. All other people belonging to other faiths, be they Hindus or Jews, Zoroastrians or Buddhists, Christians or followers of any other religion, will be deprived of this grand favour of Allah. It is a fact that the door of direct communication with Allah has been closed to all religions except Islam. It should be understood that their deprivation is a result of their own actions, which led them astray from the right path.

Innately within every human being is a great and powerful urge to speak to, listen to and see the one they love most. This develops an understanding of the beloved. Similarly, a comprehensive understanding of Allah cannot be achieved unless one can hear His eloquent and harmonious voice. True lovers of Allah prostrate their heads on the ground crying and supplicating in extreme humility for Him to respond. They could never be satisfied with His silence. True love cannot tolerate such an offense. Human nature demands to hear the satisfying sound of the beloved. Persistent thoughts arise from within the depths of the heart to quench this desire as it is written: Love demands the beloved to converse with the lover.

Inquire from the one who knows the secrets of this love.
(Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya, Part 3, Footnote 11)

Since the Holy Prophet ﷺ is unrivalled in his love for Allah and he maintains the knowledge of the secrets of this love, he has no match in introducing the searchers to Allah the Almighty. This being the case, Allah has responded to the natural requests of His lovers in the following words: If you love Allah, follow me, then Allah will love you and forgive you your faults.' And Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful. *(Al-e-'Imran, 3:32)*

This verse addresses such people who claim to love Allah. If they are truthful in their claim and sincerely desire to meet their Lord, then they should follow the Holy Prophet ﷺ. He will take them to Allah and the result of this nearness and union will be Allah's reciprocated love. At another place Allah says: And when My servants ask you about Me (say): 'I am near.

I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he prays to Me'. *(Al-Baqarah, 2:187)*

The above verses make it obvious that the only door open to Allah is through the Holy Prophet ﷺ. All other spiritual fountains have dried. However, one spring is still flourishing and will

never suffer depletion. It is the fountain of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. There exists no other method or means of achieving spiritual heights and blessings from Allah. The Promised Messiah ؑ, the writer of this Qasidah, had emphasized this important point by stating it in the very first of seventy couplets praising his beloved Muhammad.

Therefore, the Holy Prophet ﷺ is the fountainhead of all spiritual bounty, blessings and knowledge of Allah. People thirsting for the love of Allah and eagerly searching to find Him, pursue the Holy Prophet ﷺ, in order to quench their thirst from this blessed and bountiful fountain.

COUPLET 2

O you who are the ocean of the Grace of the Benefactor and Bountiful God; People flock to you with empty cups in their hands.

In the first couplet the Holy Prophet ﷺ was described as a fountain. However, a fountain can be limited to a small area, restricting its advantages to a few people. The second couplet describes the universality of the Holy Prophet's ﷺ message by likening him to an ocean. This metaphorically depicts the blessings from the Holy Prophet ﷺ as vast as the width and depth of an ocean, as opposed to the limitations of a fountain. People can benefit from the Holy Prophet ﷺ in great multitudes as they would from an ocean.

COUPLET 3

O you the sun of the kingdom of beauty and virtue; You have illuminated the deserts as well as the cities.

In this couplet the blessings of the Holy Prophet ﷺ are likened to the sun. The sun indiscriminately showers its rays of light upon both, the uninhabited areas such as the jungles and deserts, and the densely populated cities and villages, except upon those who put a curtain between themselves and the sun. In the same manner the Holy Prophet ﷺ is the sun of spiritual knowledge and his light is a blessing for people of all religions, excluding those who isolate themselves from this sun, or are blind in their hearts. The Holy Qur'an states that whom Allah gives no light, for him there is no light at all. *(An-Nur, 24:41)*

At another place the Promised Messiah ؑ describes the beauty and benevolence of the Holy Prophet ﷺ in the following Persian couplet: The beauty in the dimple of the Holy Prophet's ﷺ chin is equivalent to hundreds of thousands of Yusufs ؑ [Josephs].
(A'ina'-e-Kamalat-e-Islam, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 5, p. 27)

One meaning of this couplet is that the beauty of the Holy Prophet ﷺ exceeds that of thousands of Josephs. Another meaning is that a thousand Josephs, in spite of their own exceptional beauty, are enchanted by the beauty of the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

The spiritual status of the Holy Prophet ﷺ is so highly exalted that by the blessings of his spirit countless number of Messiahs like the Messiah of Nazareth, have already appeared amongst his followers. Many more are yet to appear. The Promised Messiah ؑ writes about the true followers of the Holy Prophet ﷺ: The same drink, which was given to Moses ؑ, Jesus ؑ and other prophets, has been enjoyed by numerous followers of the Holy Prophet ﷺ in elegance and abundance. Some are even enjoying it today. The light of the Israelite prophets burns bright within them. They have attained the same blessings that were given to the Children of Jacob. Holy is Allah, then again, Holy is Allah! How eminent a status is that of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and how great is that light! People who are his servants, his lowly followers, can achieve the high status just mentioned.
(Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya, Part 3, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 1, p. 272, footnote no.11)

As Jesus ؑ of Nazareth used to give life to the spiritually dead, the followers of the Holy Prophet ﷺ breathe life into lifeless hearts and serve drinks rendering spiritual life.

As the writer of this Qasidah considered the Holy Prophet ﷺ to be the sun of beauty and benevolence, nothing in the world could restrain his love for him, nor could anyone interfere in this relationship. At another place he writes in Persian: When I ponder over the beauty and benevolence of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, it is effortless for me to forget the entire world, and I have nothing to do with any other because I am dissolved in the glory of Muhammad ﷺ
(A'ina'-e-Kamalat-e-Islam, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 5, p. 649)

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"I assure you that your most affectionate contribution to the Mayors charity will be spent in a very careful and appropriate manner. I am really thankful to your organisation for this initiative." These are the words of the Mayor of Royal Tunbridge Wells, Dr Ronan Basu, whilst delivering the welcome speech in honour of Majlis Ansãrullah UK delegation on 19th May 2014. He invited several high ranking county council officials and social workers to this event.



Sadr Majlis Ansãrullah meeting the Mayor of Royal Tunbridge Wells

In reply to his address Sadr Majlis, presents the introduction of the Jama'at Ahmadiyya UK and its humanitarian efforts. He presented a cheque of £500 to the Mayors Charity known as the "Mental Health Charity Royal Tunbridge Wells". Sadr Sahib offered the co-operation of Majlis Ansãrullah to their projects for serving humanity. Other dignitaries present were Lady Mayor Sue Basu, Chief Executive of Borough council William Beson, Deputy Chief Executive Jonathan McDonald, Chief of Health Services John Cunningham, and Chief of Public Relations Diane Bradely.

In the end Sadr Sahib presented the Holy Qur'an and "The Teachings of Islam" to all the participants as a gift. In addition to this, 47 councillors were given the books "Pathway to peace" and "Life of Muhammad ﷺ"



Cheque presentation to Mayor's Charity

MAJLIS ANSÃRULLAH EPSOM & EWELL

Majlis Epsom holds a Tabligh Exhibition on a regular basis in this library.



Qur'an Exhibition in Epsom Library

Tabligh Exhibition Market place, Kingston

A Tabligh Exhibition was arranged by Region Baitul Futuh in Kingston.



Discussion by a guest on Tabligh Exhibition in Kingston

MAJLIS ANSĀRULLAH NEW MALDEN

On 2nd August 2014, the Majlis set up a stall on Bookham High Street. 5 people visited the stall. On 9th August 2014, an exhibition was organised in Twickenham. Twelve guests visited the stall. Books "Life of Muhammad ﷺ", Pathway to Peace" and Jama'at literature were distributed.



Majlis New Malden held Qur'an Exhibition in Twickenham Library

MAJLIS ANSĀRULLAH CHEAM

Majlis Cheam celebrated Tabligh Day in Dorking on 6th July 2014. A book stall was set up on the main High Street. Many passers-by were looking at our stall. One lady remarked, "Very impressive display". One English shopkeeper was given the book "Life of Muhammad ﷺ" and a few leaflets. One English lady was very interested in our display and took two leaflets. Two English ladies came and requested for information on Islam. They collected four leaflets and two books of "Life of Muhammad ﷺ". Another English lady was given the book "Life of Muhammad ﷺ", three leaflets and a Jama'at Card.

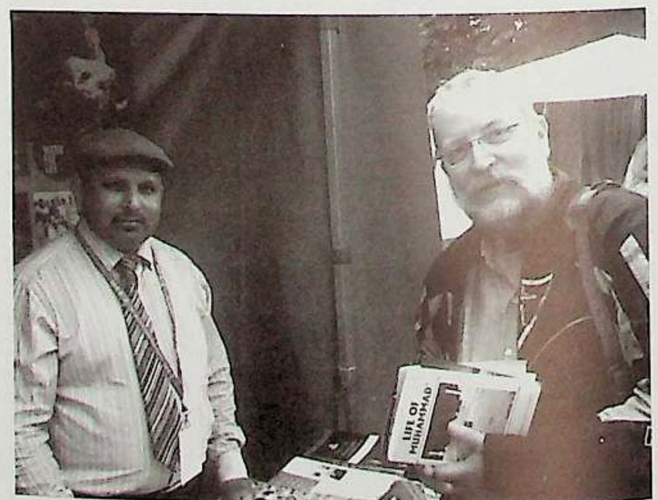
One English couple came and wanted to know about Islam, They were given general information about Islam-Ahmadiyyat, and they were presented the book "Life of Muhammad ﷺ", three leaflets and a Jama'at card.

MAJLIS ANSĀRULLAH MORDEN

Zaeem Majlis Malik Mashood Ahmad Sahib invited 6 neighbouring families to an Eid party on 2nd August 2014. 4 families (total 16) attended the party. All families were presented with copies of "Life of Muhammad ﷺ" and "Pathway to Peace". 2 guests also wanted to attend the Jalsa Salana (Annual convention of Jama'at).

Tabligh Exhibition in Haslemere Village

A Tabligh Exhibition was organised by the Region Baitul Futuh in Haslemere. Some pictures of this event are included as follows:-



A visitor on Tabligh stalls in Haslemere Village with Mr Bashir Tahir



A scene of the Stall (Haslemere Village)

East Region

MAJLIS ANSĀRULLAH NEWHAM

Aftaar and Dinner on 10th July 2014



Mr M D Halim Bepari welcoming the guests

On July 10th 2014 Majlis Newham hosted an Aftaar party in honour of Monshigonj Bikrampur Society UK (MBS UK). Monshigonj Bikrampur is a town near Dhaka, Bangladesh. The citizens of MB Town, settled in the UK formed this society for networking and social events. The event was chaired by Naib Sadr Ansārullah Mansoor Kahlon Sahib. After the recitation of The Holy Qur'an by Maulana Feroz Aalam Sahib, Mr M D Halim Bepari welcomed the participants. After that Mr. Halder Ramjan, Mr. Moazzam Hossain and Mr. Anowar Hossain addressed briefly. Maulana Atta-ul-Mujeeb Rashid Sahib addressed the gathering. His topic was "Month of Ramadhan and Holy Qur'an". Maulana Feroz Aalam Sahib spoke on "Spiritual Benefits of Fasting" in Bangla. 160 people attended the event out of which 91 were non-Ahmadi guests.



An insight view of the guests at Aftaar and Dinner on 10th July 2014

Eid Dinner on 16th August 2014



Eid Celebrations Majlis Ansārullah Newham on 16th August 2014



Eid Celebrations Majlis Ansārullah Newham on 16th August 2014

The Eid Dinner was organised by Majlis Ansārullah Newham. Sadr Sahib Ansārullah UK chaired the event, The event was attended by Stephen Timms MP, Councillor Hanif Abdulmuhit, Councillor Rokhsana Fiaz, Councillor Bryan Collier, Rev Dr Chigor ChikeVicar, Emmanuel Church w St Peter, Pastor Olu of Celestial Church, Chairman of Ahle Sunnat

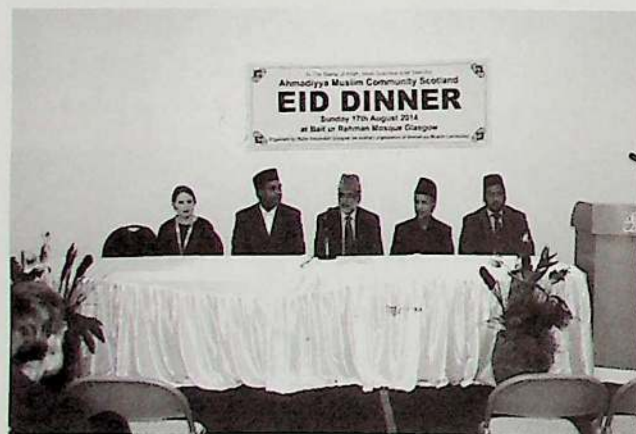
Wal-Jama'at Masjid Noor Mr Abdul Chaudhari. People from different faiths, Christian, Hindu, Sikh and Muslims attended the dinner. Altogether 140 people including 78 guests attended the dinner. We gave the books "Life of Muhammad ﷺ", and "World Crisis and the Pathway to Peace" as gifts to the guests.

Scotland Region

MAJLIS ANSĀRULLAH GLASGOW

Majlis Ansārullah Glasgow organised Eid Dinner on 17th August 2014.

52 Non-Ahmadi guests including charity representatives and social organizations attended this event. الحمد لله. The objective of the event was to celebrate the festival of Eid with neighbours and friends and highlighting Ramadhan & Eid with peace and harmony in society. The important feature of the event was presenting cheques to local charities.



Eid Dinner in Glasgow

Proceedings of the event started with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an followed by English translation. A video clip was played for 10 minutes giving a brief introduction of worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and various charity works including those in Scotland. Highlights of Huzoor's keynote addresses at various international avenues were also shown. The concluding speech was delivered by Sheikh Rafiq Tahir sahib who briefed the purpose of the event and related such events to the peace and harmony in society. He also covered the significance of Eid festival and its relationship with the holy month of Ramadhan and elaborated as to how observing fasting leads to better human beings resulting in peace in the society.



Guest attending Eid Dinner in Glasgow

The Eid dinner also included the Cheque Presentation to the local charities. Two charities were already selected for this purpose, Yorkhill Children's Charity and Ronald McDonald House Charity. A cheque of £1,000 was presented to Yorkhill Children's charity representative Aileen McConnell by chairman. Aileen in her short speech praised the charity work of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in general and particularly highlighted the community's continuous support to raise funds for Yorkhill Hospital for years. Another cheque of £1,000 was received by Ahmad Kunado on behalf of Ronald McDonald House Charity as their representative could not reach for the event. Muavin Sadr sahib presented this cheque again formally on August 18th at their premises and availed the opportunity to introduce Jama'at to charity staff.

The audience showed interest in the subject and asked various questions which were answered by Regional Missionary Scotland – Maulana Daood Ahmad Qureshi sahib.

At the end of the programme guests mingled with the chairman and the members of the local Majlis and continued discussion on their topic of interest. In particular three members of Loyal Orange

Institute and members of Diabetes Scotland showed special interest and discussed issues in length. Guests also paid particular attention to the exhibitions on the Peaceful teachings of the Holy Qur'an.

South West Region

MAJLIS ANSÃRULLAH CARDIFF

Eid Dinner on 10th August 2014

83 non-Ahmadi guests attended the dinner including Lord Nick Bourne of Aberystwyth, Assembly Member (AM) Nick Ramsay (Shadow Minister for Finance Wales), AM Mohammad Asghar (Shadow Minister for Equality Wales). Councillor Matthew Evans (Mayor of City of Newport), Councillor Allan Davies (Mayor of Caldicot) and Councillor Lisa Ford of Cardiff Council, two honorary diplomats, Elizabeth Roth (Hon. Council for Sweden) and Philip Kaye (Hon. Council of Israel in Wales), Sergeant Ashley from Super-mare police & Nigel Close represented the Chief Inspector of South Wales Police.

The programme was chaired by Mansoor Ahmad Kahlon Sahib (acting Sadr Ansãrullah UK), with the recitation of Holy Qur'an. After the welcome address a brief introduction to the Jama'at was given. The Mayor of Caldicot, Allan Davies appreciated the charitable work by Jama'at volunteers in his town for environment protection and he also mentioned that he has started reading the translation of The Holy Qur'an and tried to learn the meaning of verses and encouraged others to do the same in order to gain a better understanding. Mayor Newport, Matthew Evans, in his speech, expressed his delight of and also praised the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community for its charitable work for promoting peace. Philip Kaye (Hon. Council of Israel in Wales) also addressed the gathering and showed his appreciation for the work being done by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association towards noble causes. Lord Nick Bourne said that he was delighted to attend this Eid Dinner & knew Lord Tariq of Wimbledon, a member of your community. He further said that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association's work in different fields was remarkable and would like to know more about the community.

Mansoor Ahmad Kahlon Sahib in his concluding address explained the significance of Eid is and why and how it is celebrated. He also presented various humanitarian activities carried out by the Jama'at in tradition of Islamic teachings in which he introduced the massage of Islam which were appreciated by the guests. Mohammed Asghar MP in his vote of thanks also appreciated the work of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association. On this occasion, cheques were also presented to the representatives of ten charities: These are, The Teenage Cancer Trust, Newport Sea Scouts, Tree of Hope, The Samaritans, Shevet Achim UK, Mental Health Foundation, Mayor Caldicot Charity, Girl Guides Wales, Light for life, Cardiac Rehabilitation Trust.

One key aspect of this event was that a Welsh translation of selected verses of the Holy Qur'an and sayings of the Holy Prophet ﷺ were also displayed for the benefit of the local Welsh speaking guests.

Islamabad Region

MAJLIS ANSÃRULLAH OXFORD

£500 donated to the Chiltern Air Ambulance at the Vale of White Horse District Council

On 1st August 2014, a delegation of Ansãr visited Cllr Mike Badcock, Chairman of the Vale of White Horse District Council in Abingdon to donate £500 to his chosen charity. Receiving the money was Tiffany Sadler from the Thames Valley Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust .The purpose of this visit was to introduce the Jama'at to the Chairman of the council and all of the other 51 Councillors.

The Chairman was presented with a gift bag containing a copy of the "Holy Qur'an", "Pathway to Peace" and the "Life of Muhammad ﷺ". We took this opportunity to explain in detail the purpose of gifting these books, and its relevance in today's society. (Inspired by Huzoor's words)



Presenting a copy of the Holy Qur'an. Pictured above from left to right. Naeem Ahmad, Haider Hameed, Cllr Mike Badcock.



Delegation of Ansarullah presenting a cheque for Mayor's Charity (Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust) and Cllr Mike Badcock.

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Each of the remaining 51 councillors would also be provided with a gift parcel containing the both books. The Chairman confirmed that he would ensure each of the Cllr would be given these parcels, and the accompanying letter introducing Jama'at.

Following this visit, Mike Badcock, the Chairman of the Council was invited to attend Jalsa Salana 2014, which he duly accepted, and subsequently attended.



Mayor of Abingdon Cllr Mike Badcock on the left, Mayor of Merton in the middle, Mayor of Sutton at the back attending Jalsa Salana UK 2014

London Region

MAJALIS ANSĀRULLAH WIMBLEDON

Exhibition at Clapham-London 24th May 2014

Majlis Wimbledon organised an Exhibition in the Clapham Business Fair. Around 50 people took interest in our literature and exchanged views with our Ansãr on the stall.

MAJALIS WEST HILL & SOUTHSIDE

Charity Food Stall & Qur'an Exhibition at Village Fair in Oxshott on 5th May 2014

Majlis West Hill & Southside organised a Qur'an Exhibition alongside a food stall in Oxshott Village Annual Fair. The Majlis was able to raise £500 for the Ansãr charity event through food stall. Around 70 people had a discussion with our Ansaar and visited the Qur'an Exhibition.



Charity Food Stall at village fair in Oxshott



Books Stall at Village Fair in Oxshott

MAJALIS ANSĀRULLAH MOSQUE, MOSQUE WEST, ROEHAMPTON, ROEHAMPTON VALE AND WEST HILL

Qur'an Exhibition at Morden Hall Country Show on 03rd 4th and 5th May 2014.

Majlis Mosque, Mosque West, Roehampton, Roehampton Vale and West Hill organised two Exhibition stalls in the Morden Hall Country Show. 447 guests visited the Exhibition stall and took interest in our literature.



Qur'an Exhibition at Morden Hall Country Show, Maulana Naseem Bajwa in discussion with a guest.



Qur'an Exhibition at Morden Hall Country Show

MAJALIS ANSĀRULLAH WEST HILL, PUTNEY AND SOUTHMEAD

Tabligh Exhibitions in Guildford at Surrey County Show on 26th May 2014.

Majlis West Hill, Putney and Southmead organised two Exhibition stalls in Guildford at Surrey County Show. Around 80 guests came to the Exhibition stall and took interest in our literature.



Abdul Sami sahib in conversation with a guest in Guildford at Surrey country show

MAJLIS ANSĀRULLAH WEST HILL

Tabligh Exhibition at Greenwich London 1st June 2014.

Majlis West Hill organised a Tabligh Exhibition in Greenwich-London in the Greenwich Summer Fair. Around 70 guests came to the Exhibition stall.



Tabligh Stall at Greenwich London

www.ukmuslimsforpeace.com
www.charitywalkforpeace.org

MAJLIS ANSĀRULLAH INNER PARK

Charity Food Stall & Exhibition at Village Fair in Chertsey on 22nd June 2014.

Majlis Inner Park organised a Food Stall & Exhibition at Village Fair in Chertsey. Around 120 people visited Food and Exhibition stalls. 15 non Ahmadis had good discussion with Ansaar and took interest in the literature. £170 was raised for charity.



Charity Food Stall & Exhibition at Village Fair in Chertsey

MAJLIS ANSĀRULLAH RAYNES PARK

Exhibition at Clapham-London 12th July 2014.

Majlis Raynes Park organised an Exhibition in the Clapham Common Summer Fair. Around 100 people visited the Exhibition and 7 persons had good discussion with our Ansār.



Majlis Raynes Park held an Exhibition at Clapham-London, Zaeem-a-Aala London Region Mr Khalid Mahmood interacting with the guests

North West Region

MAJLIS ANSĀRULLAH LIVERPOOL

Q/A session & Qur'an Exhibition.

On 28th June 2014, Majlis Liverpool arranged a Q/A session with Imam Atta-ul-Mujeeb Rashed on the topic of "How to Encourage Moral Values in Society". This event was chaired by Dr Ijaz-ur Rahman, Acting Sadr Ansārullah. The Lord Mayor of Liverpool Her Excellency Councillor Erica Kemp attended the event along with her delegation. Around 41 guests from different faiths and professions attended this event that was held at Devonshire House Hotel, Liverpool.

Imam Sahib answered questions raised on this theme and other issues threatening the world peace. In her address Lord Mayor of Liverpool Mrs Erica Kemp expressed her appreciation and related this event to her recently attended multi-faith events in Liverpool. Imam of London Mosque presented "Holy Qur'an" and "Life of Muhammad ﷺ" to Lord Mayor of Liverpool.

Before the event, an exhibition was arranged at Devonshire House Hotel Liverpool. Posters, books, literature and leaflets were displayed. We gifted books of "Life of Muhammad ﷺ", and "World Crisis and the Pathway to Peace" to the guests.

1st Qur'an Exhibition and Video presentation at Treasure House Theatre, World Museum Liverpool On 27th July 2014

Majlis Ansārullah, Liverpool organised an Exhibition and video presentation at Treasure House Theatre, World Museum Liverpool. Nearly 400 people from different faiths and professions attended this event and asked different questions about our faith and community. Around 171 people attended our Video presentation in the theatre. Continuous Slide Show was arranged in-front of the Exhibition Hall and frequent announcements were also made to inform the guests about this event.

2nd Qur'an Exhibition and Video presentation at Treasure House Theatre, World Museum Liverpool on 9th August 2014

This was a full day event. The exhibition was organised in front of the Theatre Hall and video presentation inside the hall with continuous video presentation about Ahmadiyyat and activities of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to promote peace in World. The World Museum Liverpool is an important place where thousands of tourists visit from all over the world.

Approximately, 404 people from different faiths and professions attended this event. Around 225 people attended our Video presentation. Additionally, outside the exhibition hall we distributed 220 badges to our guests. Jama'at literature & books of "Life of Muhammad ﷺ", and "World Crisis and the Pathway to Peace" were also given to the guests.

Middlesex Region

MAJLIS ANSĀRULLAH HAYES

Eid Neighbourhood Party on 10th August 2014.

The Hayes Majlis hosted an impressive Eid Milan party at Baitul Aman Mosque on Sunday10th August 2014. More than 45 guests attend the unique event. The chief guest for the occasion was Mayor of Hillingdon Councillor Catherine Dann while Mubarak Ahmad Cheema Sb chaired the event. The event was also published in Uxbridge Gazette.



Eid celebrations in Majlis Hayes

MAJLIS ANSĀRULLAH HOUNSLOW SOUTH & NORTH

Eid Celebrations on 3rd August 2014.

Majlis Hounslow South & North celebrated Eid with their neighbours and friends on Sunday 3rd August 2014 at Baitul Wahid Mosque, Feltham. Total attendance was 35 out of which 13 were the guests.



Majlis Hounslow South & North organised Eid party



Another picture of Eid Party

MAJLIS ANSĀRULLAH SOUTHALL

Eid Celebrations Majlis Ansārullah Southall, on 10th August 2014 at Southall Mission House.



Eid Celebrations Majlis Ansārullah Southall

The event started with the recitation of The Holy Qur'an followed by translation and introduction of Islam Ahmadiyyat. Maulana Mansur Ahmad Chattha sahib spoke on philosophy of Fasting, the system of Zakat and the festivals of Eid in Islam. Regional Nazim Naeem Tahir sahib thanked the guests and briefly explained the relationship between Ramadhan and the Charity work by Islam Ahmadiyyat. Mr Mubarik Ahmad Cheema sahib concluded the event with silent prayers.

Local MP Mr Verinder Sharma, Councillor Sanjay and other Muslim and non-Muslim guests took keen interest in Islam Ahmadiyyat and appreciated the role of Jama'at.



Eid Celebrations Majlis Ansārullah Southall

MAJLIS ANSĀRULLAH HIGH WYCOMBE

Eid Celebrations held by Majlis Ansãrullah, High Wycombe on 16th August 2014.

The dinner was attended by 50 persons out of whom 13 were guests. Regional Missionary, spoke on Eid Festival. Regional Nazim Ansãrullah Middlesex & Councillor Mr Trevor Snaith representing the Mayor of High Wycombe also graced this occasion.

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مجلس Wandsworth

مورخہ 16 اگست 2014 مجلس وانڈزورتھ نے Eid Party کا اہتمام کیا۔ مرکز کی طرف سے مکرم افضال ربّانی صاحب نائب قائد تبلیغ شامل ہوئے، جنہوں نے اسلام احمدیت کا تعارف پیش کیا اور اسلام میں رمضان المبارک اور عید کی اہمیت کے متعلق بتایا۔ اس موقع پر قرآن نمائش اور جماعتی کتب اسٹال بھی لگایا گیا۔ 25 غیر از جماعت مہمان اس تقریب میں شامل ہوئے اور کتب لائف آف محمد ﷺ اور پاتھ وے ٹو پیس حاصل کیں۔



At Majlis Ansãrullah Wandsworth Eid Party

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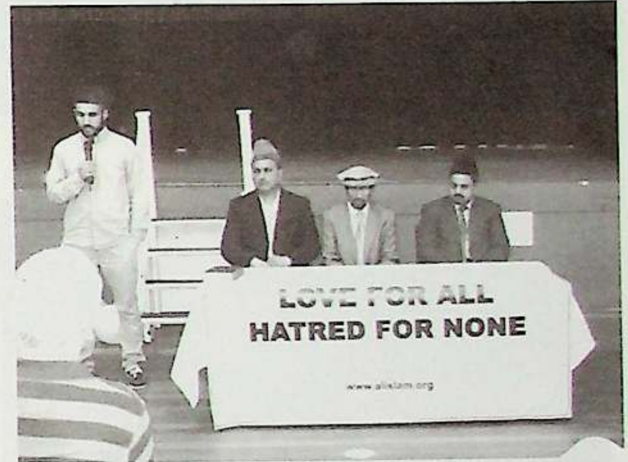
مجلس Cheam

مورخہ 21 تا 26 جولائی 2014 مجلس چیم نے Bourne Hall Epsom میں قرآن کریم نمائش اور جماعتی لٹریچر و بک اسٹال کے انعقاد کی توفیق پائی۔ اس نمائش کو دیکھنے کے لئے 162 غیر از جماعت مہمان تشریف لائے۔ مہمانوں نے ہماری نمائش کو بہت سراہا اور اسلام احمدیت کے متعلق معلومات حاصل کیں۔ ڈیوٹی پر موجود انصار نے نمائش پر تشریف لانے والے مہمانوں کے سوالات کے جوابات دیئے۔ اس نمائش میں ایک انگریز آدمی نے اسلام کے متعلق منفی اعتراضات کئے اور اسلام کا تعلق دہشت گردوں سے جوڑا۔ ڈیوٹی پر موجود احباب نے اس کی سخت گفتگو کو نظر انداز کرتے ہوئے بڑے پیار سے اسے بتایا کہ اسلام کی پُر امن تعلیم کو ہی جماعت احمدیہ ساری دنیا میں فروغ دے رہی ہے۔ وہ یہ باتیں سن کر چلا گیا لیکن پھر تھوڑی دیر بعد دوبارہ آکر پوسٹرز کا مطالعہ کرتا رہا اور پھر خاموشی سے چلا گیا۔ مکرم مظفر ظفری صاحب زعیم مجلس کے ساتھ مجلس کے 20 انصار نے اس تبلیغی خدمت میں حصہ کی توفیق پائی۔

لندن ریجن

مجلس Putney

مورخہ 10 اگست 2014 مجلس پٹنی نے اپنے تبلیغی گاؤں Claygate کے ولیج ہال میں Eid Party کا اہتمام کیا۔ مکرم افضال ربانی صاحب نائب قائد تبلیغ نے اسلام احمدیت کا تعارف پیش کیا اور اسلام میں رمضان المبارک اور عید کی اہمیت کے متعلق بتایا۔ اس موقع پر قرآن نمائش اور جماعتی کتب اسٹال بھی لگایا گیا تھا۔ 25 غیر از جماعت مہمان شامل ہوئے۔ کتب لائف آف محمد ﷺ اور پاتھ وے ٹو پیس مہمانوں نے حاصل کیں۔



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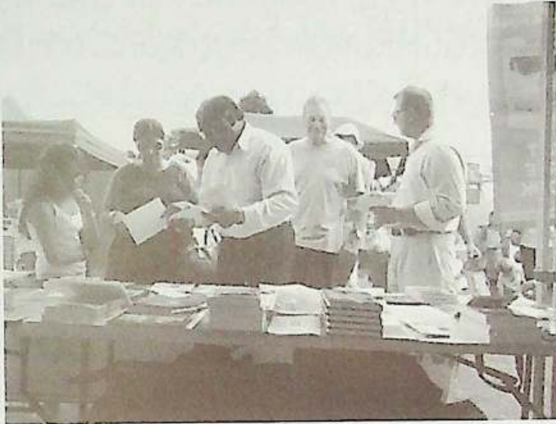


Claygate میں منعقدہ عید ملن پارٹی کے شرکاء کی تصویر

مکرم امتیاز احمد صاحب زعیم مجلس Putney نے عید پارٹی کی تشہیر و دعوت کے لئے 17 جولائی 2014 انصار کے ساتھ مل کر گاؤں میں Flower Show کے موقع پر تبلیغی سٹال لگایا اور لوگوں کو فرداً فرداً اس پروگرام میں شمولیت کے لئے دعوت دی۔



Claygate Village Flower Show کے موقع پر تبلیغ سٹال



Claygate Village Flower Show کے موقع پر مہمانوں کی آمد کا ایک منظر

مجلس Roehampton

مورخہ 10 اگست 2014 مجلس روہیمٹن نے Eid Party کا اہتمام کیا۔ مرکز کی طرف سے مکرم ڈاکٹر منصور ساقی صاحب قائد نومبائعین شامل ہوئے، جنہوں نے اسلام احمدیت کا تعارف پیش کیا اور اسلام میں رمضان المبارک اور عید کی اہمیت کے متعلق بتایا۔ اس موقع پر قرآن نمائش اور جماعتی کتب اسٹال بھی لگایا گیا تھا۔ 40 غیر از جماعت مہمان شامل ہوئے۔ لوکل چرچ آف انگلینڈ سے بھی مہمان شامل ہوئے۔ رمضان کے دوران انصار نے اپنے پڑوسیوں کے ساتھ افطاری کے ذریعہ روابط قائم کئے اور عید پارٹی کی دعوت بھی دی۔ احمدی مستورات نے لیڈیز مہمانوں کو مہندی لگائی۔



مجلس Roehampton کی طرف سے منعقدہ عید ملن پارٹی کا ایک منظر

تبلیغی مساعی

مجلس انصار اللہ برطانیہ کے زیر انتظام شہری اور دیہاتی علاقوں میں مجالس اور ریجنز کی سطح پر ہفتہ وار تبلیغی اسٹال اور لیف لیٹنگ کی تقسیم کا کام بڑی خوش اسلوبی سے جاری و ساری ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ بھی مختلف تبلیغی پروگرام منعقد کئے جاتے ہیں۔ جن میں قرآن کریم کی نمائش اور تبلیغی عید پارٹیوں میں غیر از جماعت افراد کو شامل کر کے اسلام احمدیت کی حقیقی اور پُر امن تعلیم کا تعارف پیش کیا جاتا ہے۔ رمضان المبارک سے قبل قیادت تبلیغ کی طرف سے مجالس کو خصوصی پروگرام تشکیل دینے کی طرف توجہ دلائی گئی تھی۔ ان پروگراموں میں ہمسائیوں کو افطاری اور عید ملن پارٹیوں میں مدعو کر کے باہمی روابط کو بڑھانے کے پروگرام شامل تھے۔ ان کوششوں کے نتیجہ میں بعض مجالس میں بفضلہ تعالیٰ بہت اچھے نتائج سامنے آئے ہیں۔ الحمد للہ

ان پروگراموں میں شامل ہونے والے اکثر غیر از جماعت مہمانوں کو کتب لائف آف محمد ﷺ اور پاتھ وے ٹو پیس تحفتاً دی گئیں۔

عاجزانہ درخواستِ دعا ہے کہ اللہ تعالیٰ محض اپنے فضل سے اِن پروگراموں کے بہترین نتائج ظاہر فرمائے، تمام شامل ہونے والوں کو اسلام کی حقیقی تعلیم کو سمجھنے کی توفیق عطاء کرے۔ اور خدمت کرنے والے کارکنان کو اجرِ عظیم کا وارث بنائے۔ آمین۔ (خاکسار شکیل احمد بٹ۔ قائد تبلیغ مجلس انصار اللہ برطانیہ)

ساؤتھ ریجن

مجلس Thornton Heath

مورخہ 2 اگست 2014 زعیم مجلس مکرم شیخ آفتاب احمد صاحب نے اپنے گھر پر تبلیغ عید پارٹی کا انتظام کیا۔ محترم زعیم صاحب نے گردونواح کے تقریباً 100 گھروں میں ذاتی طور پر گھر گھر جا کر اس پروگرام میں شمولیت کی دعوت دی۔ اس پروگرام میں مختلف قومیتوں سے تعلق رکھنے والے 71 غیر از جماعت مہمان شامل ہوئے۔ پاکستانی کھانوں سے مہمان نوازی کی گئی۔ خواتین کے لئے علیحدہ انتظام پردے میں کیا گیا تھا۔

ریجن سے مکرم طارق مجید صاحب ریجنل ناظم انصار اللہ ساؤتھ ریجن شامل ہوئے۔ اس پروگرام کو کامیاب بنانے کے لئے مجلس کے دیگر انصار نے بھی بھرپور مدد کی۔ یہ پروگرام تقریباً ساڑے تین گھنٹے تک جاری رہا۔ سب شاملین نے اس پروگرام کو بہت پسند کیا۔



زعیم مجلس شیخ آفتاب احمد صاحب اپنے مہمانوں کے ساتھ



عید ملن پارٹی کے شرکاء خوشگوار ماحول میں گفتگو کرتے ہوئے

ساؤتھ ریجن کی دیگر مجالس میں بھی باقاعدہ پلاننگ کے ساتھ کام ہو رہا ہے۔ مجلس Norbury ہر ماہ قرآن نمائش کا اہتمام کر رہی ہے۔ جس سے سینکڑوں غیر از جماعت افراد استفادہ کر رہے ہیں۔ اسی طرح مجلس Shirley اور Thornton Heath میں بھی قرآن نمائشیں منعقد کی گئیں ہیں۔ شامل ہونے والے مہمانوں نے کتب لائف آف محمد ﷺ اور پاتھ وے ٹو پیس اور مختلف جماعتی لٹریچر حاصل کئے۔

> اللہ تعالیٰ فرماتا ہے کہ اگر تم انتہائی محنت، انتہائی ہمت اور تمام تر صلاحیتوں کے ساتھ اللہ تعالیٰ سے دعا مانگتے ہوئے یہ کام کرو گے تو اللہ تعالیٰ نیک فطرتوں کو تمہارے ساتھ ملاتا چلا جائے گا۔ انشاء اللہ تعالیٰ
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